

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 9 to read as follows:

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 19 to read as follows:

The wax preferably is a natural wax such as a meadowfoam oil derivative, carnauba wax, a jojoba oil derivative, Japan wax, beeswax, ozocerite, ~~carnauba wax~~, candelilla wax, montan wax, ceresin wax, and rice wax, a synthetic wax such as Fischer-Tropsch wax, or another such material. Just one type may be used, or a combination of two or more types may be used. It is particularly preferable to use one or more types of wax selected from the group consisting of carnauba wax (DSC melting point of 76 to 90°C), candelilla wax (66 to 80°C), hydrogenated jojoba oil (64 to 78°C), hydrogenated meadowfoam oil (64 to 78°C), or rice wax (74 to 90°C).

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 34, line 9 to read as follows:

Examples of trivalent and higher carboxylic acid components include 1,2,4-benzenetricarboxylic acid, 1,2,5-benzenetricarboxylic acid, 1,2,4-cyclohexanetricarboxylic acid, 2,5,7-naphtalenetricarboxylic acid, 1,2,4-naphtalenetricarboxylic acid, 1,2,4-butanetricarboxylic acid, 1,2,5-hexatricarboxylic acid, 1,3-dicarboxyl-2-methyl-2-methylenecarboxypropane, tetra(methylene carboxyl)methane, 1,2,7,8-octanetetracarboxylic acid, pyromellitic acid, Enpol (trade name, manufactured by Ire Chemical, Ltd.) trimer acid, and acid anhydrides and alkyl (C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>12</sub>) esters of these.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 36, line 36 to read as follows:

Preferable examples of the binder resin used in this embodiment also include homopolymers or copolymers of various kinds of vinyl monomer. Examples include styrene and derivatives thereof, such as styrene, o-methylstyrene, m-methylstyrene, p-methylstyrene, p-ethylstyrene, 2,4-dimethylstyrene, p-n-butylstyrene, p-tert-

butylstyrene, p-n-hexylstyrene, p-n-octylstyrene, ~~p-n-hexylstyrene~~, and p-chlorostyrene, with styrene being particularly preferable.